representatives have been received by CBSE against the amendent to the Affiliation Bye-laws of CBSE to grant fee for single girl child.

(b) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) CBSE has also requested all the affiliated schools to submit a quartely report on fee faiver. It at any point of time, it is detected that any school affiliated to CBSE is not providing this facility to the single girl child or denying admission on this ground, necessary action under Affiliation Bye-laws can be taken against them.

Additional rice to Karnataka

2783. SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government of Karnataka has requested for release of additional quantity of rice of BPL rates for the additional 19.66 lakha of children; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF): (a) and (b) A request to provide additional foodgrains under Mid-Day Meal Scheme for 19.66 lakh student of classes VI and VII was received from Government of Karnataka. Since Mid-Day Meal Scheme covers students of class I to V only, the request could not be agreed to.

Eligibility Criteria For Teachers in Professional Colleges

2784. SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether educational qualification and experience has been prescribed for the posts of Readers and Professors in the professional colleges including the engineering colleges;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, course-wise;

(c) whether there is an acute shortage of teaching staff with requisite qualification and experience at the level of Readers and Professors;

(d) if so, details in this regard; and

(e) the measures proposed to be taken to ensure that the colleges authorities do not compromise on the quality of education for want of adequate teaching staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The qualifications and experience, in brief, prescribed by the All India Council for Techinal Education (AICTE) for Professor and Against Professor for Engineering and Technology programmes are as under:

Professor: Ph.D degree with first class at Bachelor's or Master's level in the appropriate branch of Engineering/Technology with 10 years experience in Teaching/Industry/Research our of which 5 years must be at the level of Assistant Professor and /or equivalent.

Assistant Professor: Ph.D. degree with first class at Bachelor's or Master's level in the appropriate branch of Engineering/Technology with 2 years experience in Teaching/Industry/Research at the level of Lecturer or equivalent.

Further details are available on AICTE's website www.aicte.ernet.in.

(c) and (d) There is a shortage of qualified teaching staff in existing engineerings colleges particularly in the disciplines of Computer Science & Engineering, Information Technology, Electronic & Communication Engineering and Bio-Technology etc.

(e) AICTE has several steps to increase the supply of faculty and also improve skills of existing faculty through various faculty development schemes with a view to improve the supply of skilled faculty.

Appointment of teachers under SSA

2785. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are concerned with the slow pace of teachers' appointments in the State unde the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) whether Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Punjab and Rajasthan are among those States having made no headway in this direction; and